

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST as of October 23, 2015

Date	Request By	Request	Description	Status	Staff Contact	Action
10/20/2015	Aldama	Request to bring back the Jazz Festival	CM Aldama would like staff to research how much it would cost to bring back the Jazz Festival.	Pending	Laurie Sapp	Pending staff action.
10/20/2015	Tolmachoff	Request to correct language in Zoning Text Amendment	CM Tolmachoff would like staff to research how to correct the language in the Zoning Text Amendment regarding billboards that was approved by Council on June 26, 2012 so that the language would work the way it was intended to.	Pending	Sam McAllen and Jon Froke	Pending staff action.
10/6/2015	Tolmachoff	Request to review high speed fiber optic network	CM Tolmachoff would like the city to look into the high speed fiber optic network to provide as a city utility. Small cities have been able to implement this at a reasonable cost, and this could help Glendale remain competitive.	Pending	Vicki Rios	Pending staff action.
10/6/2015	Tolmachoff	Request for light rail working group	CM Tolmachoff would like the light rail working group (Downtown Community Working Group) that is currently in place to remain and work on another task so they can provide a recommendation for the light rail decision making process.	Pending	Jack Friedline	Pending staff action.
10/6/2015	Hugh	Request to review status of Southwest Ambulance	VM Hugh stated that Southwest Ambulance now owes the city \$1.54M and would like to know if the city should do an RFQ to find another ambulance company.	Pending	Tom Duensing	Pending staff action.
9/15/2015	Aldama	Request to develop a broader plan on vacant properties	CM Aldama is requesting city staff develop a broader plan to address the condition of vacant properties citywide.	Pending	Sam McAllen	Staff is discussing this Council Item of Special Interest.
9/15/2015	Hugh	Request to develop a plan to make better use of the Civic Center	VM Hugh is requesting city staff take a new look at the Civic Center to get more use of the facility to benefit the city and citizens. VM Hugh would like staff to come back with a proposal that could include a reduction of fees to be more competitive with other facilities.	Pending	Erik Strunk	Pending staff action.
9/1/2015	Aldama	Request to create a new commission.	CM Aldama is requesting the city develop a diversity commission (commission on diversity).	Scheduled for November 17th workshop	Jim Brown	Scheduled for November 17th workshop.

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8/4/2015	Turner	Request for research on allowing chickens as pets in residential neighborhoods	CM Turner stated that at the June 23rd Voting Meeting, a citizen in CM Turner's district requested Council consider allowing chickens as pets in residential neighborhoods. CM Turner would like staff to research the pros and cons, limitations, lessons learned from other cities, any negative outfall and what the city would have to do regarding rezoning.	Pending	Sam McAllen and Jon Froke	Staff is currently researching and preparing an agenda item regarding chickens as pets in residential neighborhoods. Presentation to Council is tentatively planned for later this fall.
8/4/2015	Hugh	Request City Council consider rolling back the city sales tax	VM Hugh is requesting the City Council consider rolling back the city sales tax now that the economy has started to improve to become more competitive with other cities.	Scheduled for December 15th workshop	Tom Duensing	At the August 4, 2015 Council Workshop, Council Items of Special Interest, Vice Mayor Hugh requested recommendations from staff on when the City should consider rolling back (reducing) the City Sales Tax rate. On December 15, 2015, staff will be presenting the Five-Year Financial Forecast. This forecast includes an overview of the General Fund over the next five years and will incorporate a) revised revenue and expenditure projections and b) the impact of several of the key Council decisions made over the past year including pay-off of the capital lease, revised financial policies, amended Arena agreement, etc. As part of this Workshop, it is staff's intention to include the impact of increases or decreases in both revenues and expenditures on the City's financial position over the next five years which will encompass this Council Item of Special Interest.

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8/4/2015	Aldama	Request for a residential overlay in the Sonorita neighborhood	CM Aldama is requesting staff research a residential overlay in the Sonorita neighborhood south of Glendale Avenue, so residents could apply for state, federal and local funding assistance for home repairs and home building.	Pending	Sam McAllen, Jon Froke and Erik Strunk	Staff is currently reviewing historical documentation related to the Sonorita neighborhood and reviewing funding guidelines to learn more about possible funding options to assist with home building and repairs.
10/21/2014, 12/02/2014 and 01/06/2015	Sherwood	Add an ordinance to the City Code pertaining to non-discrimination	CM Sherwood is requesting staff review whether an ordinance can be added to the City Code regarding city relations and to pass a non-discrimination ordinance. CM Sherwood stated this would send a strong message on discrimination and show goodwill especially with the upcoming Super Bowl. CM Sherwood also inquired about a Human Resources ordinance and Human Resources Commission. At the December 2 workshop, CM Sherwood requested agenda item #3 (Discussion of Non-Discrimination Ordinance and Human Relations Commission) be brought back to a future workshop.	Pending future workshop	Jennifer Campbell and Karen Kurtz (outside facilitator)	Presented at the May 19 workshop. Council direction was for four meetings total (three public and one meeting for businesses). Request to move the first two meetings proposed for June 3 and June 4 to the end of July and make one of them a Saturday meeting. Request to bring back the results of the public meetings to October 6 Workshop. Staff will bring back to Council examples of other city's anti-discrimination ordinances as well as a draft ordinance for Council input at a workshop.

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5/19/2015	Hugh and Weiers	Request to revisit two hour parking and backing in at City Hall parking garage	VM Hugh would like staff to revisit the two hour parking ordinance. Mayor Weiers stated that vehicles backing into the parking garage are still an issue.	Pending future workshop	Chief Black and Jack Friedline	Staff met with VM Hugh to discuss the two hour parking issue. Staff will do follow-up work and schedule a work session item to gain direction from City Council. Staff is in the process of completing follow up work in preparation for a future workshop meeting.
9/2/2014	Sherwood	Utilize change to Arizona Revised Statute Title 19	CM Sherwood would like the City Clerk's Office to work with the City Attorney's Office to utilize a recent change to the Arizona Revised Statute Title 19 giving towns and cities more authority in running their own elections to come up with an ordinance (or other vehicle) laying out all the particulars. CM Sherwood stated there have been so many changes to the laws over the recent years that are very confusing to the public. CM Sherwood believes that we should define how petitions/referendums are run through the city and whether one needs to be a resident to be able to initiate one.	Pending	Pam Hanna	The City Clerk needs additional time, this request will be rescheduled at a later date. Contact City Clerk for additional information regarding this request.
3/17/2015	Turner	Request for review of the Westgate media center for library services	This is follow-up to a request made by Councilmember Turner at the March 17, 2015 Council workshop requesting staff analysis as to the feasibility of using a portion of the City of the Glendale Media Center (located at 9494 West Maryland Avenue) for a possible western area branch library. The purpose of this item will be to provide an initial overview of this concept and receive further direction from the City Council.	Pending FY 16-17 city budget process discussion	Erik Strunk	Presented at October 20th Workshop. Council directed staff to further analyze and develop conceptual (visual) depictions of the following two possible options: a) possible use of the media center; b) possible use of prefabricated/modular buildings at Heroes Regional Park. Staff will work on this and prepare this information as part of the upcoming FY 16-17 city budget process.

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1/6/2015, 2/3/2015 and 4/7/2015	Hugh, Aldama, Chavira	Rename city streets in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Cesar Chavez	At the January 6, 2015 workshop, CM Hugh stated he would like to have Council consider changing some of the city streets to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. At the February 3, 2015 workshop, CM Aldama requested research on naming a street after Cesar Chavez. CM Chavira agreed with CM Aldama on naming a street after Cesar Chavez and requested that the MLK street and the Cesar Chavez street intersect. VM Hugh requested that the Cesar Chavez workshop request take place at the same workshop as the MLK request.	Scheduled for November 17th workshop	Jack Friedline	Presented at the April 7 workshop. Council agreed it was a good idea to rename some streets in honor of MLK, Cesar Chavez and Marty Robbins. A discussion was held regarding renaming the streets in the downtown Glendale area or Westgate area. Council consensus was received to contact the historical society so they can make recommendations. After meeting with the Historical Preservation Commission and receiving their comments last May, staff met internally and are ready to move forward with a recommendation. Staff will provide recommendations and receive direction regarding the proposed Honorary Street Naming at the November 17, 2015 Council Workshop. The Honorary Street names under consideration are Martin Luther King, Jr., Cesar Chavez, and Marty Robbins.

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5/19/2015	Sherwood	Request for a workshop presentation by the NLC regarding the Service Line Warranty Program	CM Sherwood is requesting a workshop presentation by the National League of Cities (NLC) regarding the Service Line Warranty Program.	Pending future workshop	Craig Johnson	Presented at the October 20th workshop. Water Services Department staff provided information on Water Service Line Warranty Programs. Council requested staff follow up with additional information in response to their questions. Staff will work on gathering the requested information for follow up at a future workshop.
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8/4/2015	Hugh	Request to utilize amphitheater at City Hall	VM Hugh stated that the amphitheater located at City Hall is under-used and he would like staff to research how to better utilize this facility.	Completed	Erik Strunk	Staff is currently researching and preparing an agenda item on possible methods to increase the use of the amphitheater. Presentation to Council was scheduled for October 20th workshop. At the October 20th workshop, Council provided staff direction to pursue a two-year pilot to increase usage of the amphitheater and Murphy Park by 10% for each of the next two fiscal years.